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PRAYERS.

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copies of correspondence exchanged between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers of the Provinces dealing with the proposal for reconvening the federal-provincial conference on fiscal arrangements.

The Order being read for the third reading of Bill No. 82, An Act to provide for Short-Term Credit to Grain Producers in the Prairie Provinces to meet Temporary Financial Difficulties arising from inability to deliver all their Grain:

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur) moved,—That the said Bill be now read the third time.

And the question being proposed;

Mr. Diefenbaker, seconded by Mr. Fleming, moved in amendment thereto,— That the word "now" be left out, and that the words "this day six months" be added to the end of the question.

And a Debate arising thereon:

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: At page 1436 of *Hansard*, February 22, I find the speech that the honourable Member for Broadview (Mr. Hees) made on second reading in which he said:

"I should like to deal briefly with the basic reason why this government finds itself in such an unholy mess today with regard to wheat sales. The simple reason is that the government's selling efforts have been inadequate and utterly pathetic."